ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT INC.

DALLAS, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Keith Bradley, Region VI, RPO

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THRU: K. H. Malone Jr., FITOM With

FROM Rick Horne, FIT Chemist

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DATE June 12, 1987

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SUBJ: Sampling Report for the Dioxin Survey of Exxon Chemicals Corporation, USA, Houston, Texas (TXD082684002)

The Exxon Chemicals Corporation, USA, (formerly Exxon Chemicals, Americas) 8230 Stedman Street, Houston, Texas, 77029, Latitude 29 45' 00"N, Longitude 95 16' 45" W, was the subject of a sampling inspection conducted March 2 5, 1987. The 97 acre facility is located a quarter mile northeast of the intersection of McCarty Road and Clinton Drive north of the Houston Ship Channel (see Figure 1 for site location)

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The samples from the facility were analyzed for 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (commonly known as dioxin). The Exxon facility is a formulation plant that used the dioxin precursor, 2,4,5-trichlorophenol and its sodium salts from 1964 through 1979 for various anti-algae products. 747,000 lbs. of 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenol was purchased and used at the facility. This represents approximately 0.25% of the total production of Exxon's products for those wears. represents approximately 0.25% of the total production of Exxon's products for those years. No waste water generated from this production was reported to be discharged from the facility. From 1964 through 1977, the waste water from the above formulation was combined with the other wastewater streams from the facility and channeled to a waste lagoon. From there, the waste system allowed microdegradation and solar UV photolysis of the chemicals. Periodically, the landfarm soil was disked under to allow further microbiological activity upon the waste. In 1977, the landfarm was closed and the surrounding berm consisting of clay and shell material was leveled over the landfarm. This clay cap varied from 6 inches to 2 feet thick. A layer of top soil and grass was then applied over the cap. After the closure of the landfarm. This clay cap varied from 6 inches to 2 feet thick. A layer of top soil and grass was then applied over the cap. After the closure of the landfarm, waste streams were collected in an existing tank that was converted to a BioTox tank to allow aerobic and anaerobic microorganisms to degrade the waste products. From that point, the tank was periodically drained into private tanker trucks and transported to south Texas for deep

The sampling team consisted of the following FIT personnel:

R. Horne, E&E Chemist, Team Leader, Site Safety Officer, Grid Layout R. Roblin, E&E Geologist, Paperwork, Grid Layout T. Lensing, E&E Biologist, Paperwork, Decontamination J. Trusley, E&E Equipment, Sampler, Decontamination B. Park, E&E Biologist, Sampler

D. Pandak, ICF Environmental Scientist, Grid Layout, Sampler T. Pierce, ICF Chemist, Sampler J. Phillips, ICF Geologist, Sampler

Richard Greer, Environmental Coordinator-Energy Chemicals, served as the liaison between Exxon Chemicals and the sampling team.

Since Exxon Chemicals is a formulation facility, the sampling protocol fell since exxon chemicals is a formulation facility, the sampling protocol left under the category of a Tier 3 survey for dioxin. The sampling followed two distinct plans as dictated by the Tier 3 protocol. Biased sampling was conducted on the active areas of the facility at points where the dioxin precursor was either handled or at points where there was a possible migratory pathway to the landfarm system. The inactive landfarm was surveyed off in pathway to the landrarm system. The inactive landrarm was surveyed off in 50 ft. by 50 ft. grids and numbered sequentially. The specific grids to be sampled were determined using the random number generator on a IBM PC/XT computer (attached program "RickRandom"). The grids that were selected were further randomized to determine the depths of the samples. The depths of 3 ft. and curface were arbitrarily chosen due to the lack of migration. ft, 2 ft and surface were arbitrarily chosen due to the lack of migration/ percolation of dioxin because of that chemicals polar nature and its ability percolation of dioxin because of that chemicals polar nature and its ability to coordinatively bond with the soil. If dioxin was present, it would remain at its present level for an extended period of time. In addition, this sampling mission was more concerned with whether dioxin was present near the surface of the landfarm and if there was runoff from the landfarm. See attachment A for specific sampling locations and the sketch of the facility.

SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS

The samples collected were sent in three separate batches from each day of sampling. All samples were sent to a SMO designated CLP laboratory for analysis. FIT requested a 30-day turnaround for the data due to the medium priority requested by the Region VI EPA.

EPA Houston data reviewers qualified the data as provisional due to incomplete deliverables from the lab but, they indicated that the quantifications from the actual analysis are valid due to the performance check compounds, the calibrations, and native spike recoveries falling within the designated guidelines. All indications from the analysis show that no dioxin was present in the samples collected. See the dioxin summary sheets for the data results and respective detection limits. results and respective detection limits.

RECOMMENDATIONS

From the results of the sampling of Exxon Chemicals, Corporation, there is no indication that dioxin is present on the facility. There is also no indication of dioxin migration off the facility. Therefore FII recommends that no further action is warranted and also closing the case for this par-ticular Tier 3 dioxin survey.

ATTACHMENT A

Additional Remark and/or Explanation

Sample #. Location and Description

- North side of Masterson Street to be used as one of the required background samples.
- North side of Plummer Street to be used as one of the required background samples.
- North side of Stedman St. outside of front gate of Exxon. This is to represent a background sample.
- West side of property fence across from the receiving dock. Determines
 if there was migration of spills off site.
- Southwest corner of facility, 10-15 ft. outside of property. This indicates possible migration of chemicals if floods had occurred and pumps were not able to manage large amounts of water.
- 25-30 ft. east of sample #5. This to confirm migration of dioxin if flooding had occurred.
- 7. Between train track and the northwest corner of the old shipping dock.
- Between train track and receiving dock #3. This is where 2,4,5-T was received for storage.
- 9. Between train track and southwest corner of receiving dock.
- NOTE: Samples 7, 8, & 9 are from locations that are the most likely migratory paths of the precursor.
- 10. Vicinity of the sump pump.
- 11. Sediment from the rain busin north of treatment tank.
- 12. Sediment from the rain basin north of treatment tank.

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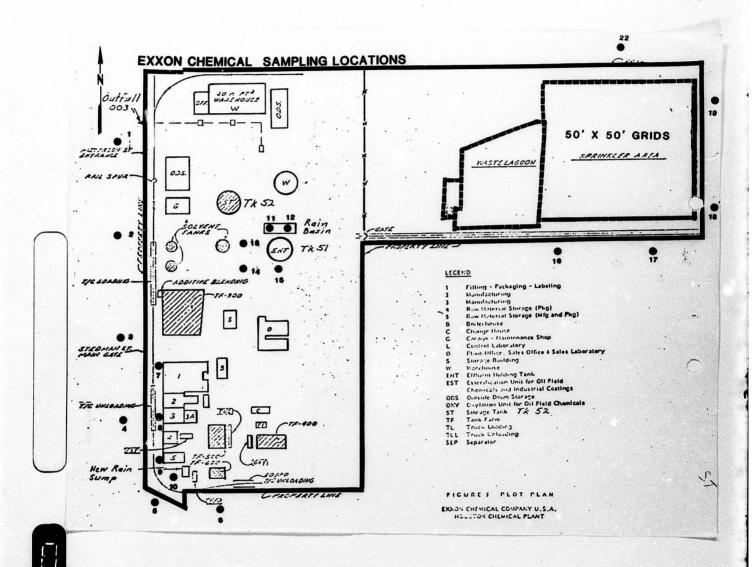
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Sample #. Location and Description (Cont.)

- 13. Low lying area west of treatment tank and next to overspill pipe coming from the rain basin.
- 14. Same location as sample #13 but 50 ft. south. This is along path of flood waters.
- 15. 10-20 ft. south of treatment tank. Indication of high waters at one time in the area, may be a route for migration of chemical.
- 17. 200 ft. west of S.E. corner of property on land owned by Houston Port Authority.
- 18. 200 ft. north of southeast corner between property line and creek.
- 19. 200 ft. south of N.E. corner of landfarm between property line and creek.
- 22. One sample 10-20 ft. north of fence, off site from the landfarm. Same reason as samples #16-18.
- 23-Hexane Rinsate blanks (one per 24 samples). 25
- Dioxin Performance evaluation samples.

The remaining samples consisted of the grid samples from the landfarm and were numbered according to the grid number.

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DIOXIN ANALYSIS SUMMARY

CASE NUMBER: 2738F SITE NAME/CODE: EXXON CHEMICAL PAGE 1 OF 3

EPA Sample Number	Station Number	Batch Number	Sample Station Location	Sample Results	Sample Detection Limit	Comments
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22002	02	1	N. SIDE PLUMMER	ND	0.10	te dinavi
22003	05	1	SW CORNER OUT PRO	PERTY ND	0.17	
22004	06	1	251 E. OF STA 5	ND	0.11	
22007	07	1	RR TRACKS NW OF D	OCK ND	0.55	
22008	08	1	RR TRACKS BY DOCK	ND	0.43	
22009	09	1	RR TRACKS SW DOCK	ND	0.70	
22010	10	1	SUMP PUMP AREA	ND	0.08	V. 10
22011	11	1	RAIN BASIN SEDIME	NT ND	0.23	EXTENSE.
22012	12	1	RAIN BASIN SEDIME	NT ND	0.15	THE RESERVE
22013	13	1	W OF BIOTOX TANK	ND	0.04	
22014	14	1	50' S OF STA 13	ND	0.03	
22015	15	1	20' S OF BIOTOX T	ANK ND	0.16	
22017	23	1	TCE RINSATE	ND .	0.03	
22016	26	1	PERFORMANCE SPIKE	0.78		
21113	27	1	PERFORMANCE SPIKE			
21101	29	1	GRID 18/SURFACE	ND	0.03	
21102	30	1	GRID 3/ SURFACE	ND	0.04	
21103	31	1	GRID 2 /SURFACE	ND	0.05	Esercial a
21104	32	1	GRID 73/SURFACE	ND	0.10	C'Analon
21105	33	1	GRID 54 SURFACE	ND	0.03	
21106	34	1	GRID 51 SURFACE	ND	0.02	
21107	35	1	GRID 52 SURFACE	ND	0.05	
21108	36	1	GRID 71 SURFACE	ND	0.09	
21109	37	1	GRID 101/SURFACE	ND	0.06	
21110	38	1	GRID 99/ SURFACE	ND	0.04	
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21112	40	1	GRID 119/SURFACE	ND	0.03	
21114	41	1	GRID 96 /SURFACE	ND	0.07	
21115	42	1	GRID 175/SURFACE	ND	0.03	BOX STIPS

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21117	44	1	GRID#153 SURFACE	ND	0.02	
21118	45	1	GRID#162 SURFACE	ND	0.03	
20701	46	1	GRID#91/2'DEPTH	ND	0.01	Z E FIERD
20702	47	1	GRID#106/ DEPTH	ND	0.07	
20703	48	1	GRID#58 / DEPTH	ND	0.04	
20704	49	1	GRID#119/ DEPTH	ND	0.06	
20705	50	1	GRID#99 / DEPTH	ND	0.22	
20706	51	1	GRID#98 / DEPTH	ND	0.13	
20707	52	1	GRID#82 / DEPTH	ND	0.09	
20709	53	1	GRID#19 / DEPTH	ND	0.04	
20710	54	1	GRID#32 / DEPTH	ND	0.27	
20711	55	1	GRID#29 / DEPTH	ND	0.08	
20708	24	Г	TCE RINSATE	ND	0.06	
21019	03	2	BACKGROUND-STEDMA	N ND	0.04	
21001	56	2	GRID#38/2.5 DEPTH	ND	0.04	
21002	57	2	GRID#52/3 DEPTH	ND	0.11	
21003	58	2	GRID#13/3'DEPTH	ND	0.13	
21004	59	2	GRID#30/3'DEPTH	ND	0.07	the memory
21005	60	2	GRID#14/3'DEPTH	ND	0.05	
21006	61	2	GRID#83/3'DEPTH	ND	0.02	
21011	62	2	GRID#141/3hEPTH	ND	0.05	•
21012	63	2	GRID#125/3DEPTH	ND	0.03	
21016	64	2	GRID#26/3'DEPTH	ND	0.03	
21007	65	2	PERFORMANCE SPIKE	0.85		
21008	66	2	GRID#100/3'DEPTH	ND	0.11	
21009	67	2	GRID#97 3'DEPTH	ND	0.03	
21010	68	2	TCE RINSATE	ND	0.61	
21013	69	2	GRID#121/3'DEPTH	ND	0.03	DECK ROLL

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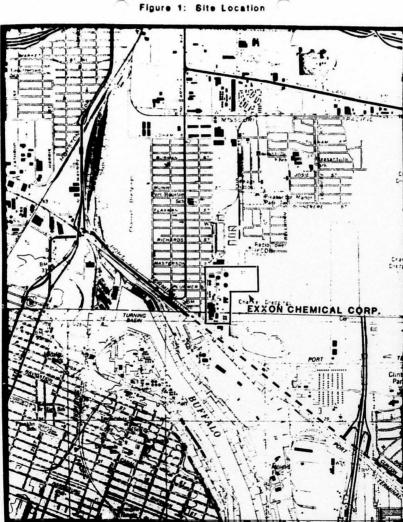
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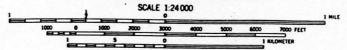
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21017	72	2	GRID #22/3 Depth	ND-	0.05	
21018	73	2	GRID #129/3'Depth	ND	0.04	
21020	03	2	BACKGROUND DUP.	ND	0.03	
22005	01	1	MASTERSON RD.DUP.	ND	0.19	
22006	02	1	PLUMMER RD. DUP.	ND	0.04	
20719	04	3	W. PROPERTY ACROS	S DOCK NI	0.04	
20720	04	3	W. PROPERTY DUP.	ND	0.05	
20722	16	3	30' S. FENCE PUME	STA. ND	0.06	
20723	17	3	200' W. OF SE COR	NER ND	0.02	
20724	18	3	200' N OF SE COR	ER ND	0.11	Bu Track State
21021	19	3	200' S. OF_NE COL	NERND	0.01	
21022	22	3	BEHIND BLEE HOUSE	ND .	0.00	
20721	25	3	TCE_RINSATE	ND	6.52	REJECTED
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20713	75	3	GRID 159/2 DEPTH	ND	0.04	
20714	76	3	GRID 174/2'DEPTH-	ND	0.03	
20715	77	3	BEHIND BRUSH 2'DE	PTHND	0.07	
20716	78	3	GRID#161/2'DEPTH	ND	0.08	
20717	79	3	GRID#185/2'DEPTH	ND	0.08	
20718	80	3	GRID#171/2'DEPTH	ND	0.02	
21004	59	2	GRID#30/DUPLICATE	ND	0.06	100
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Adapted from USGS Quadrangles Park Place, Settegast Harris County, Texas 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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Readin(RanLim);
Writein(*
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Readin(Depth);
Writeln;
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Writeln;
While X ( RanNum
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    R := Random(RanLim);
    Writeln(1st, 'Random number ', x+1, ' is : ', R);
    X := X + 1;
  end;
Writeln(1st, chr(12));
End.
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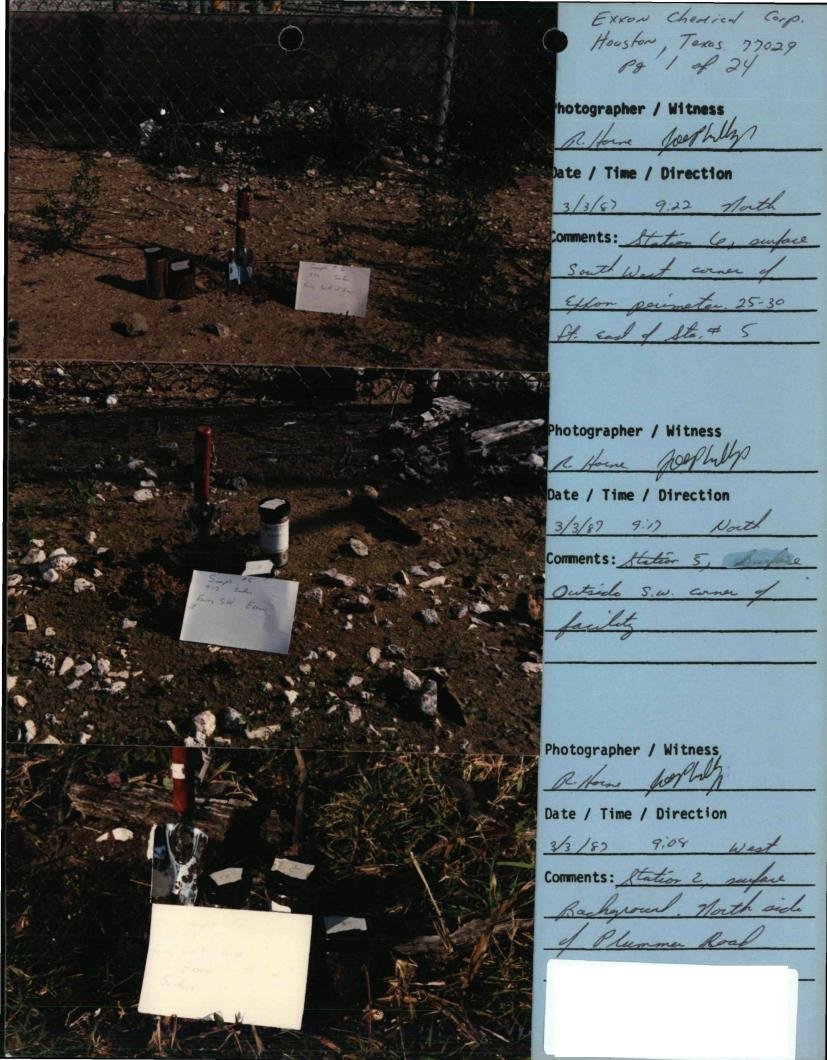
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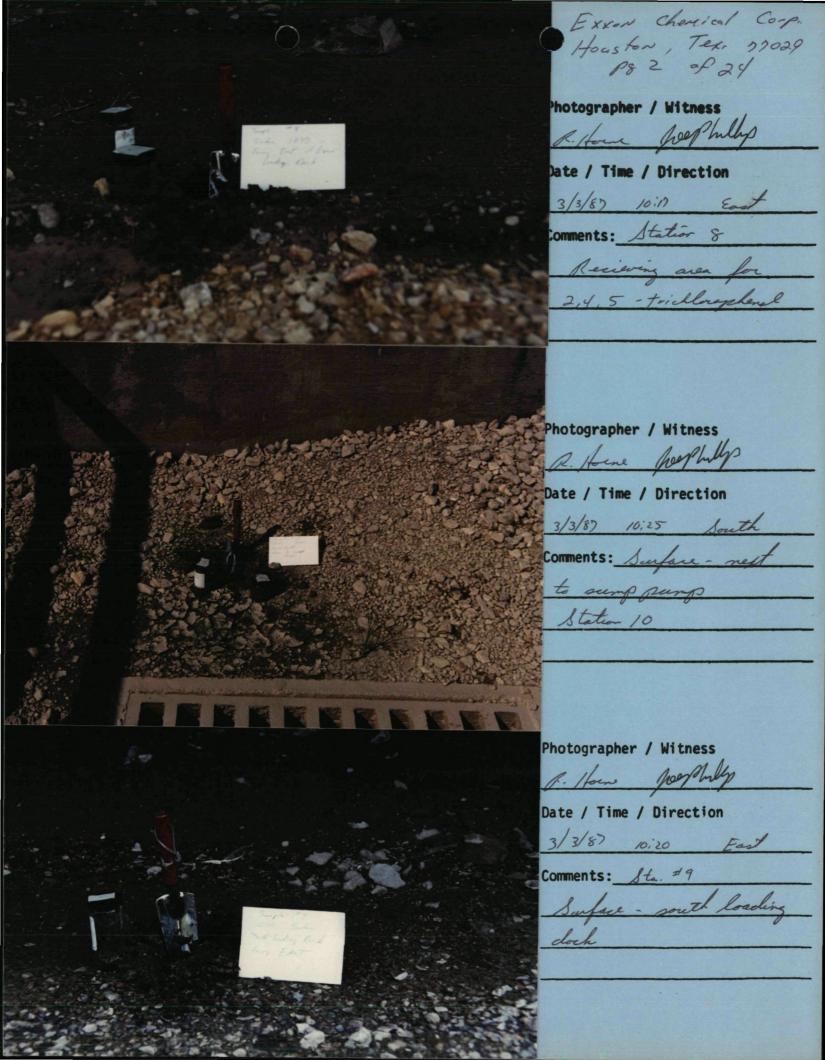
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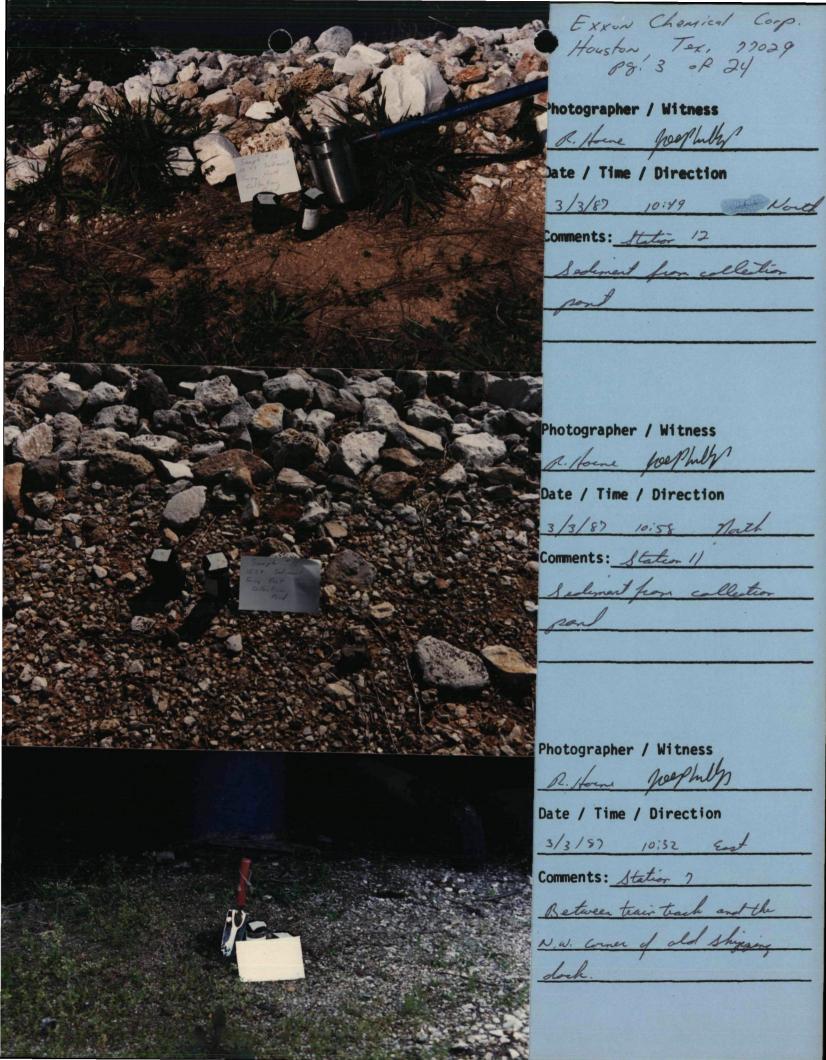
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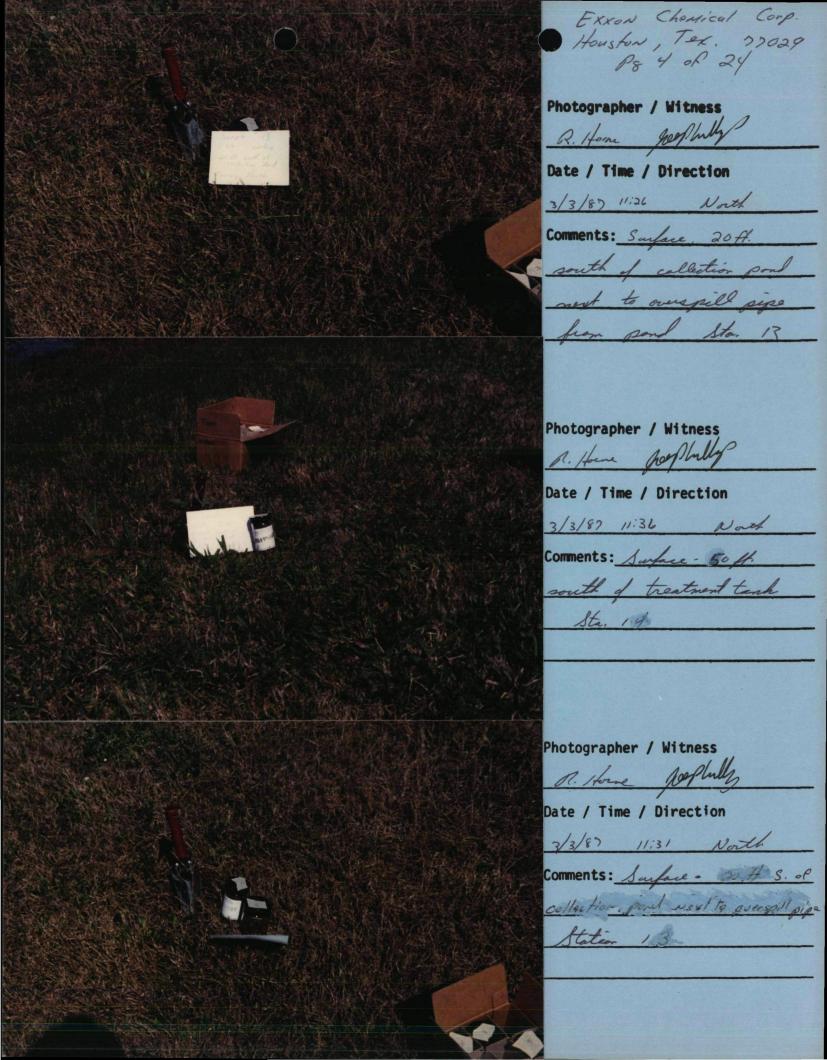
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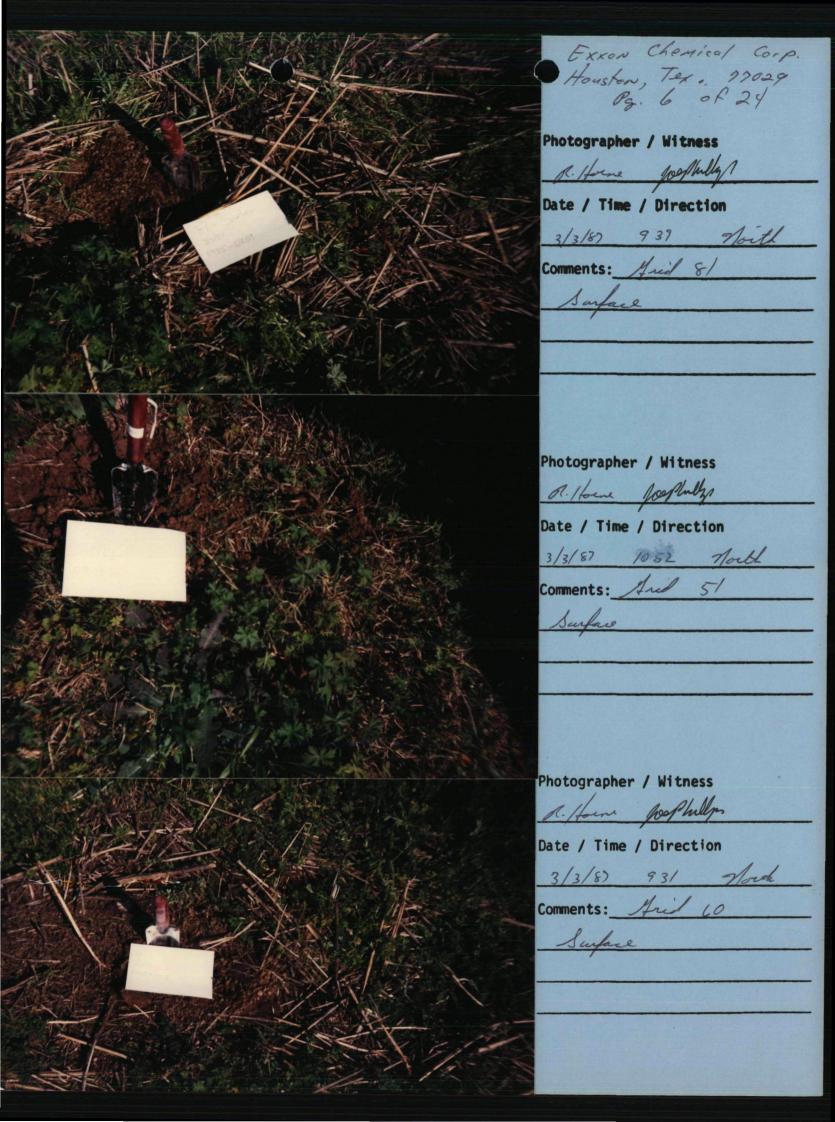


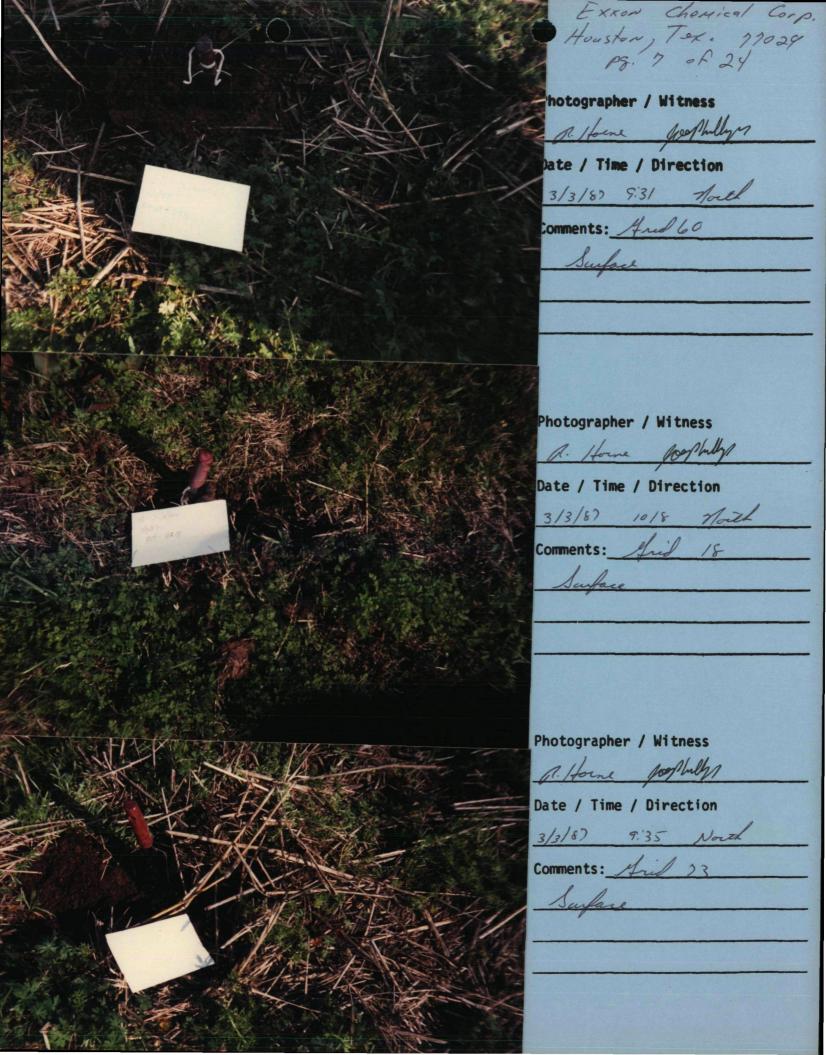


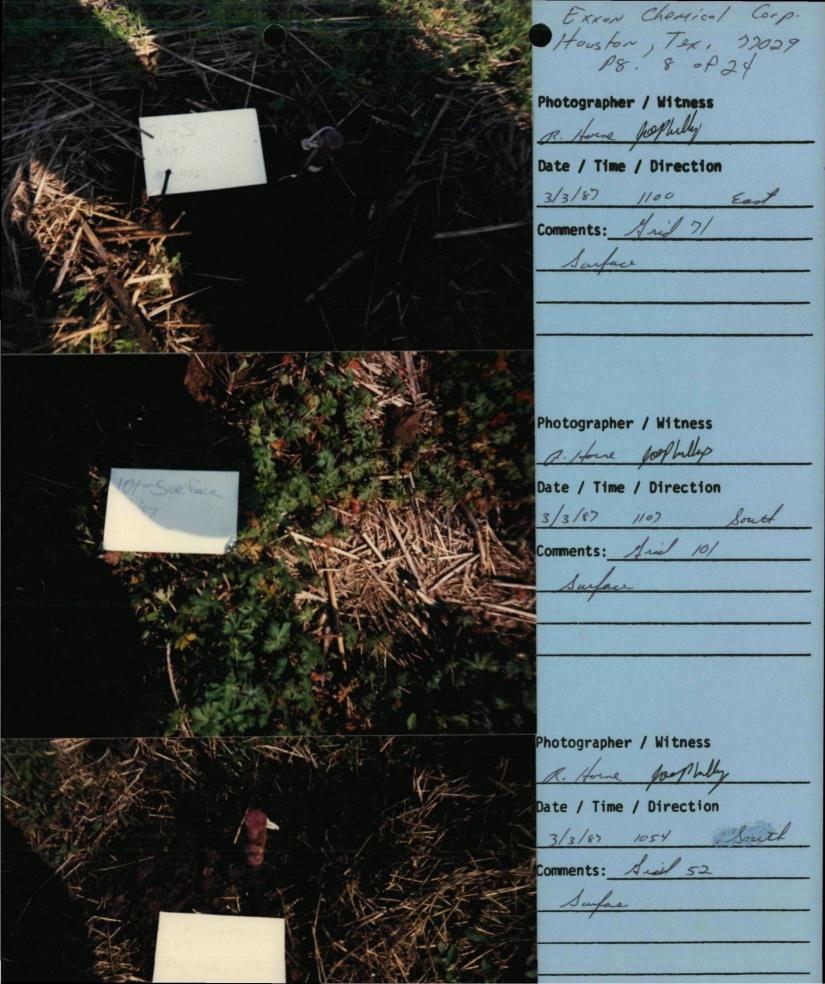




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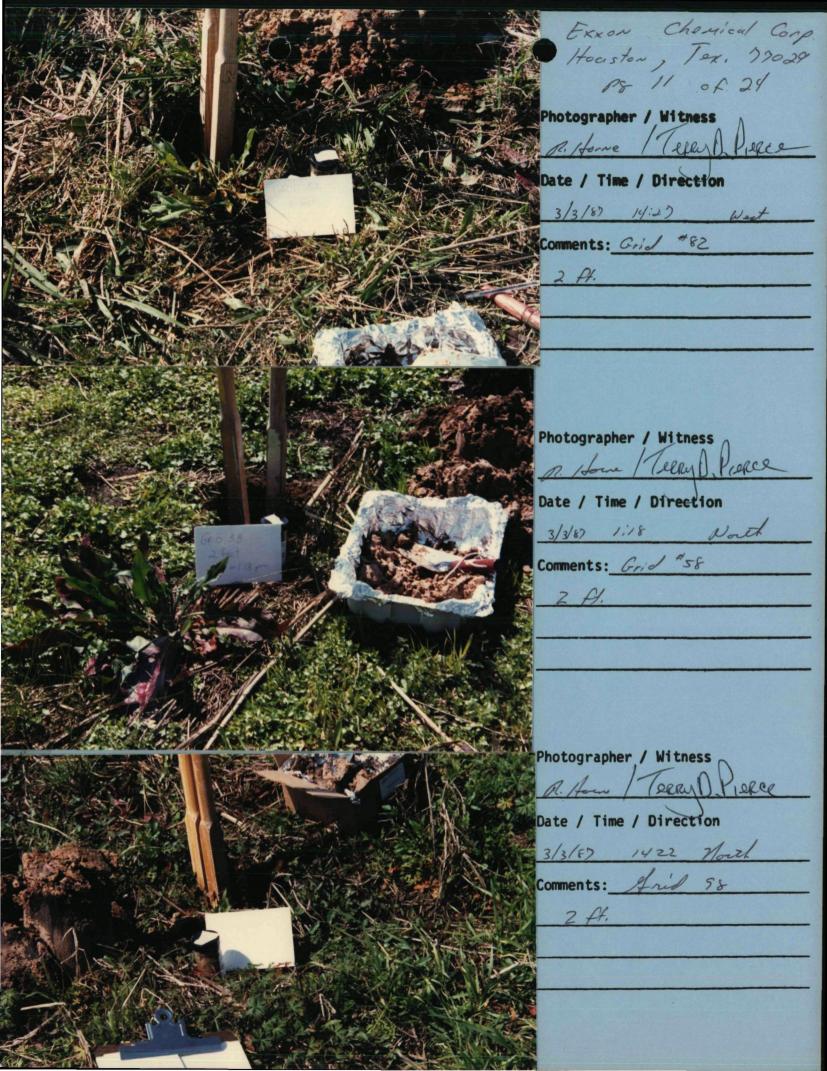


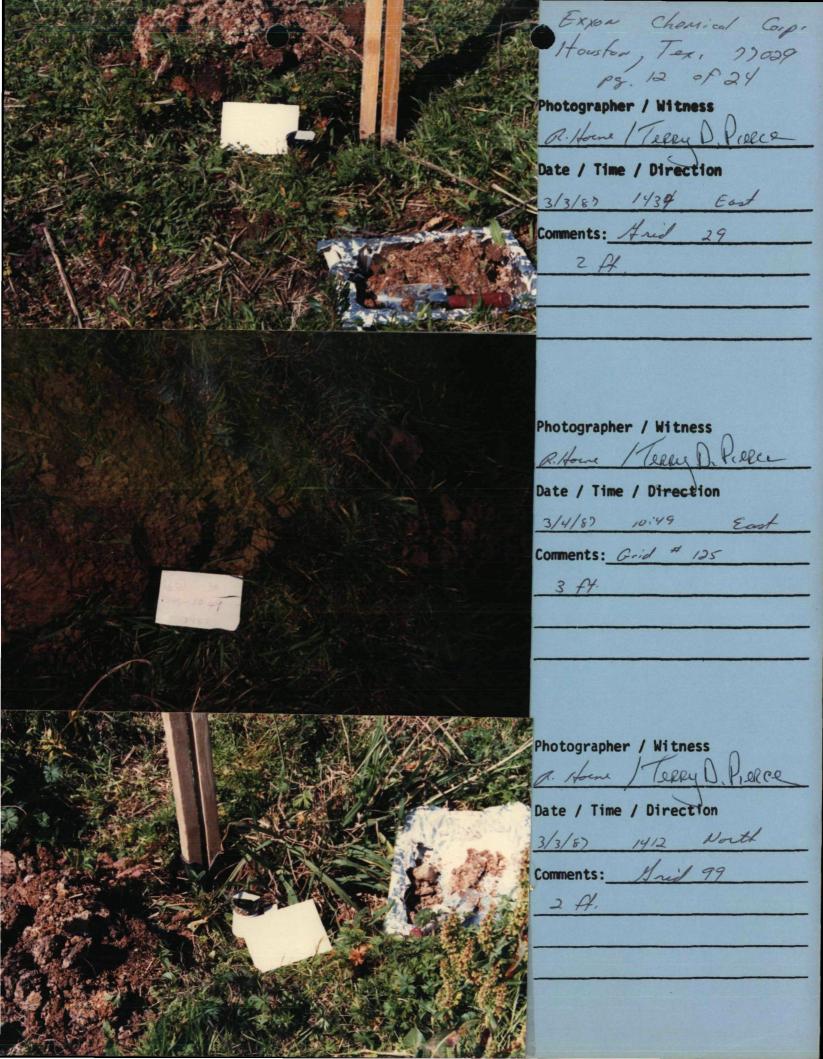




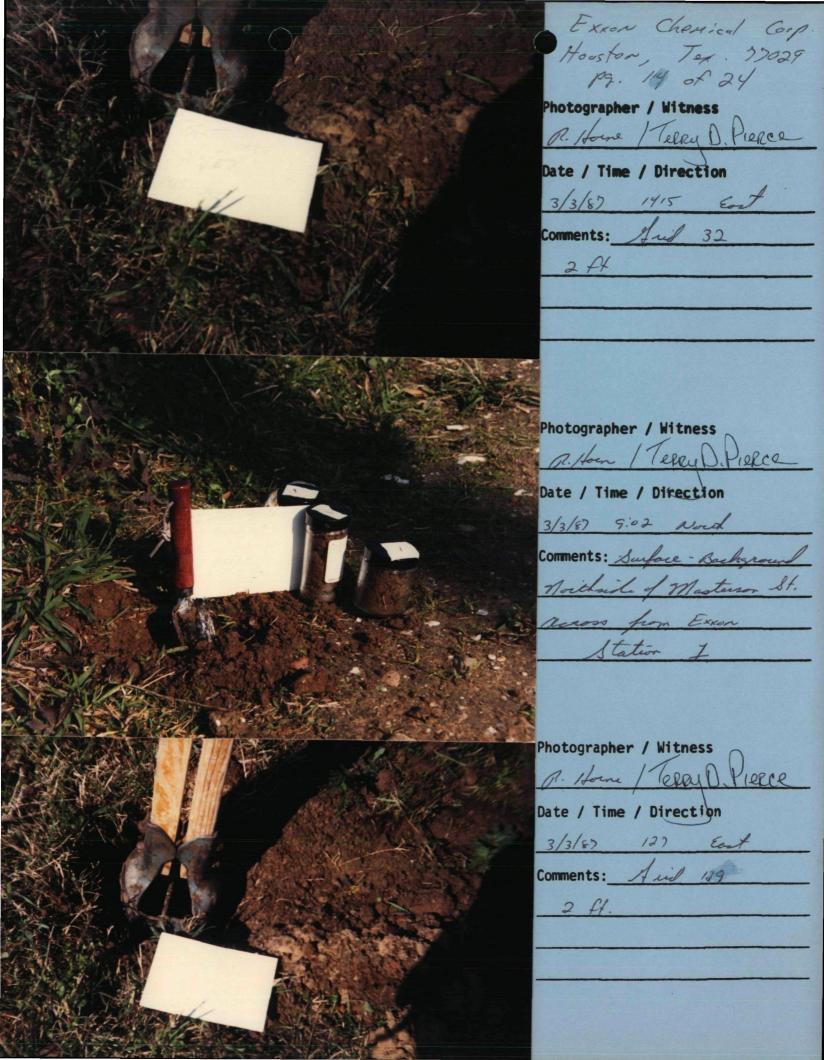
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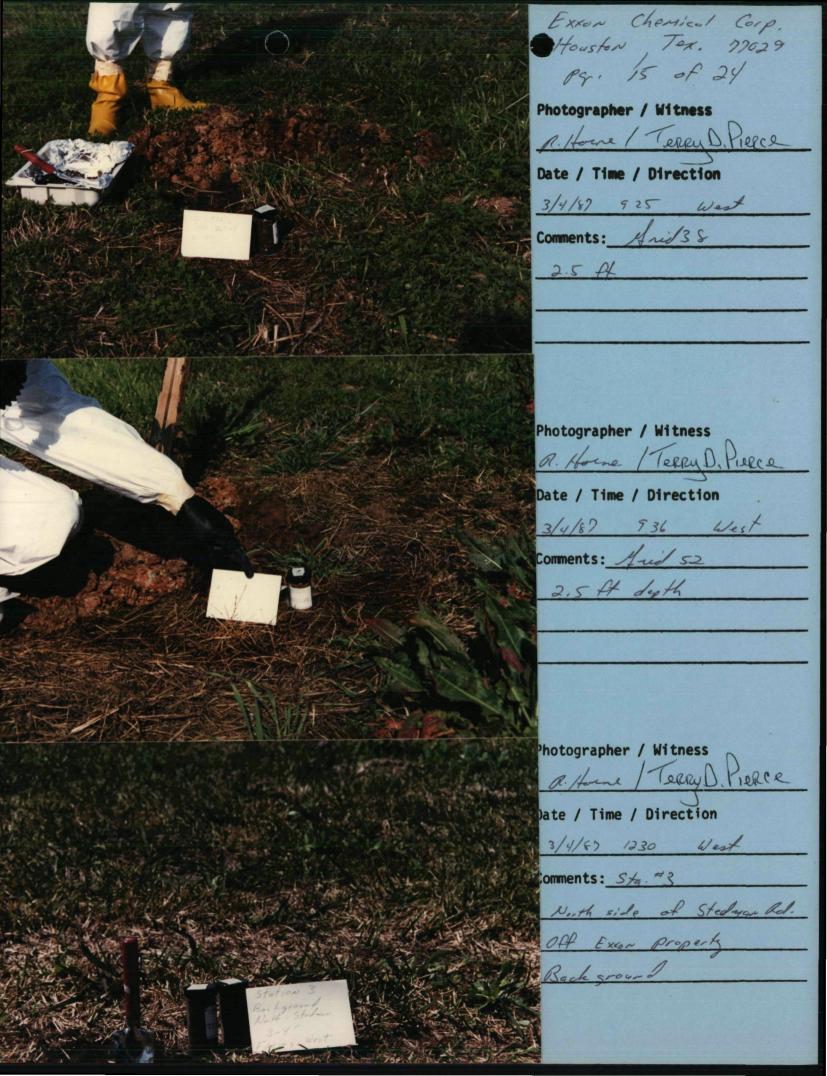
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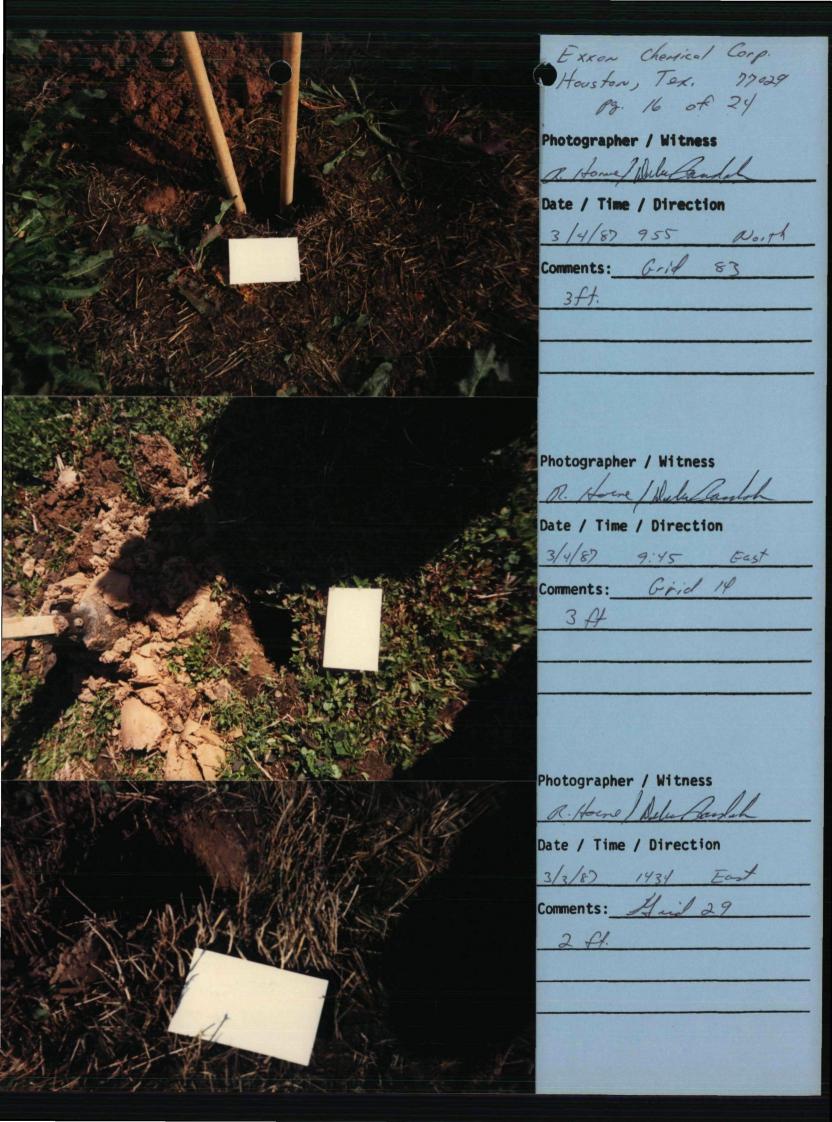


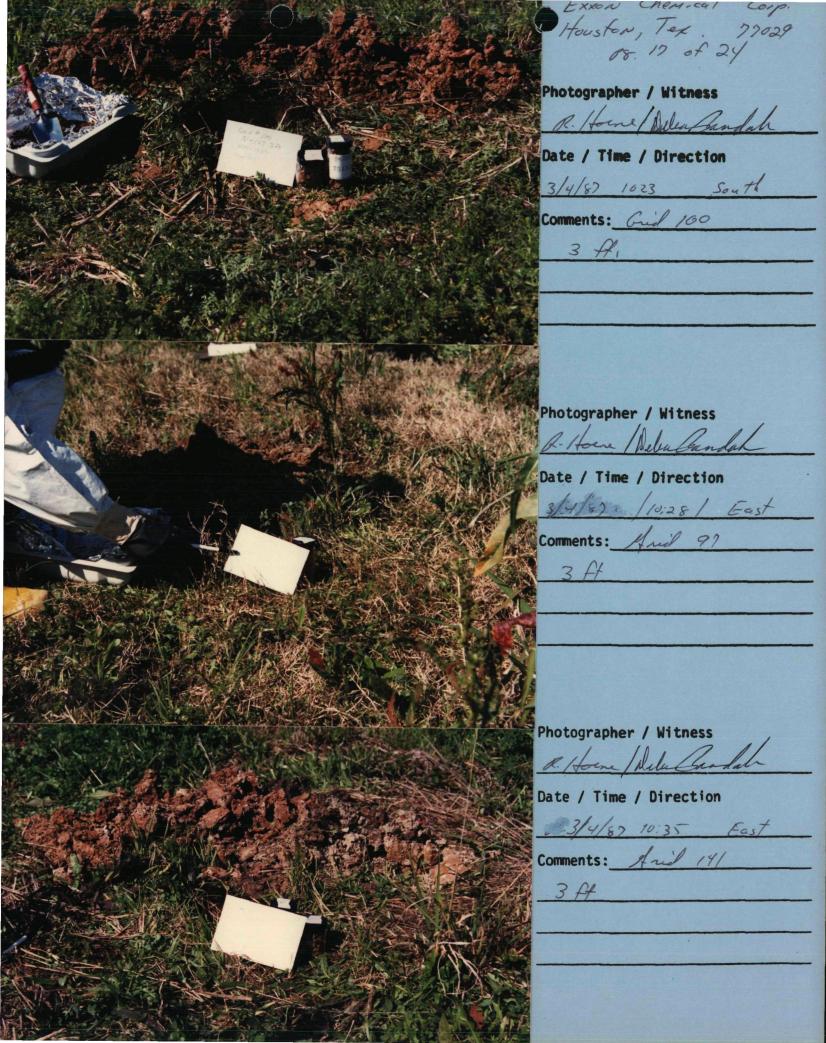


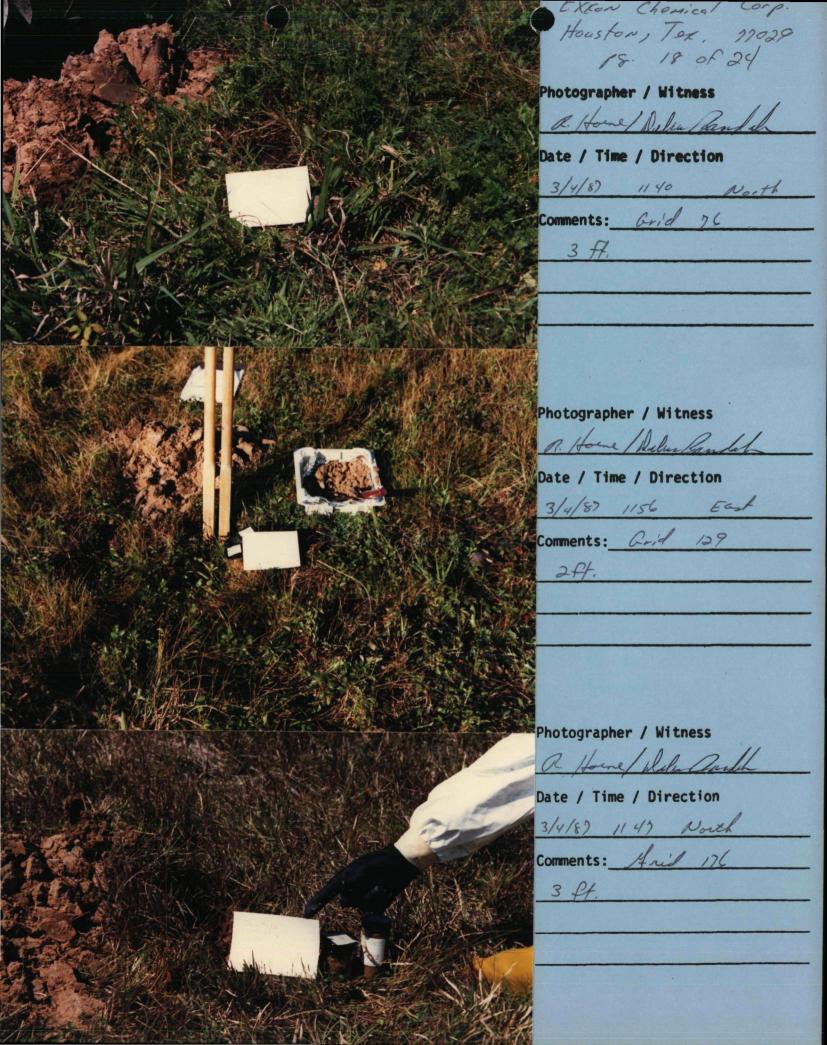
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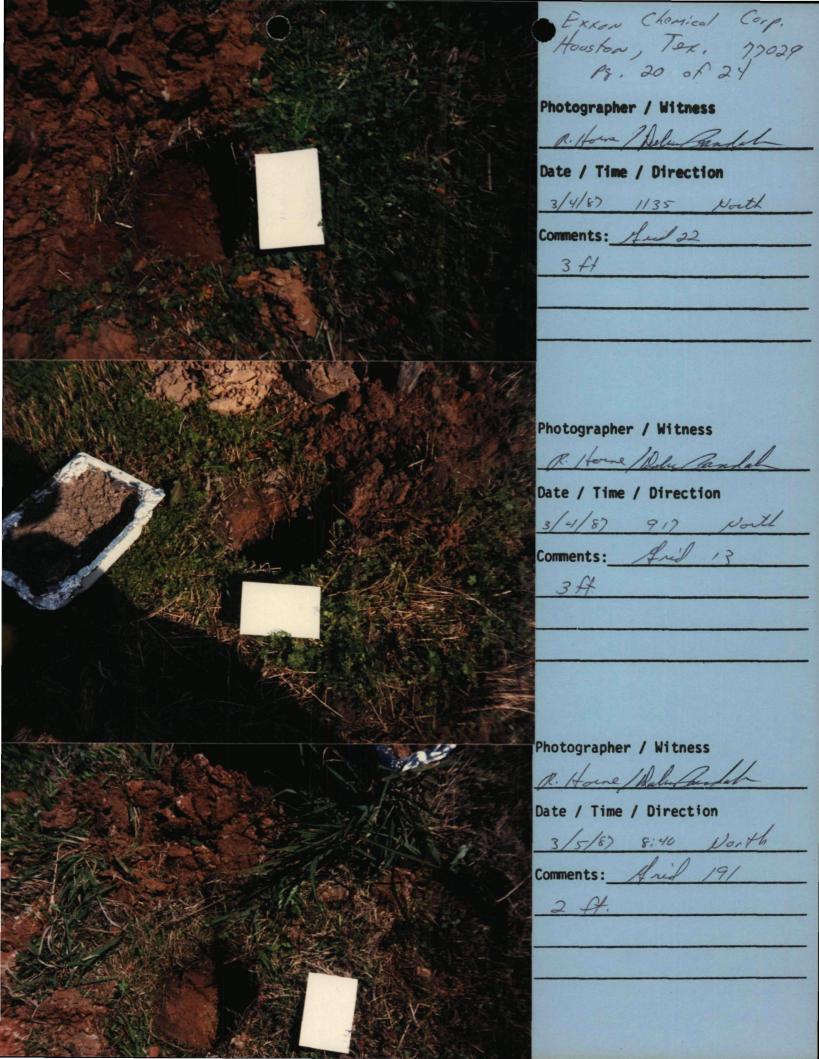


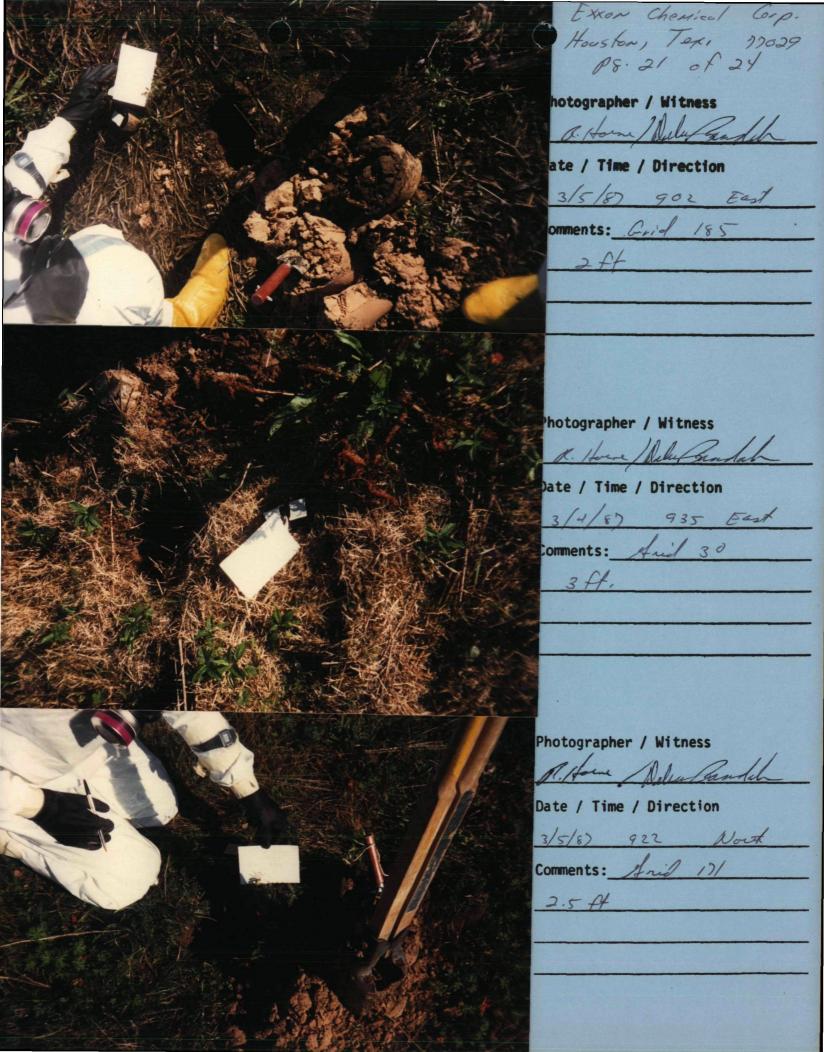


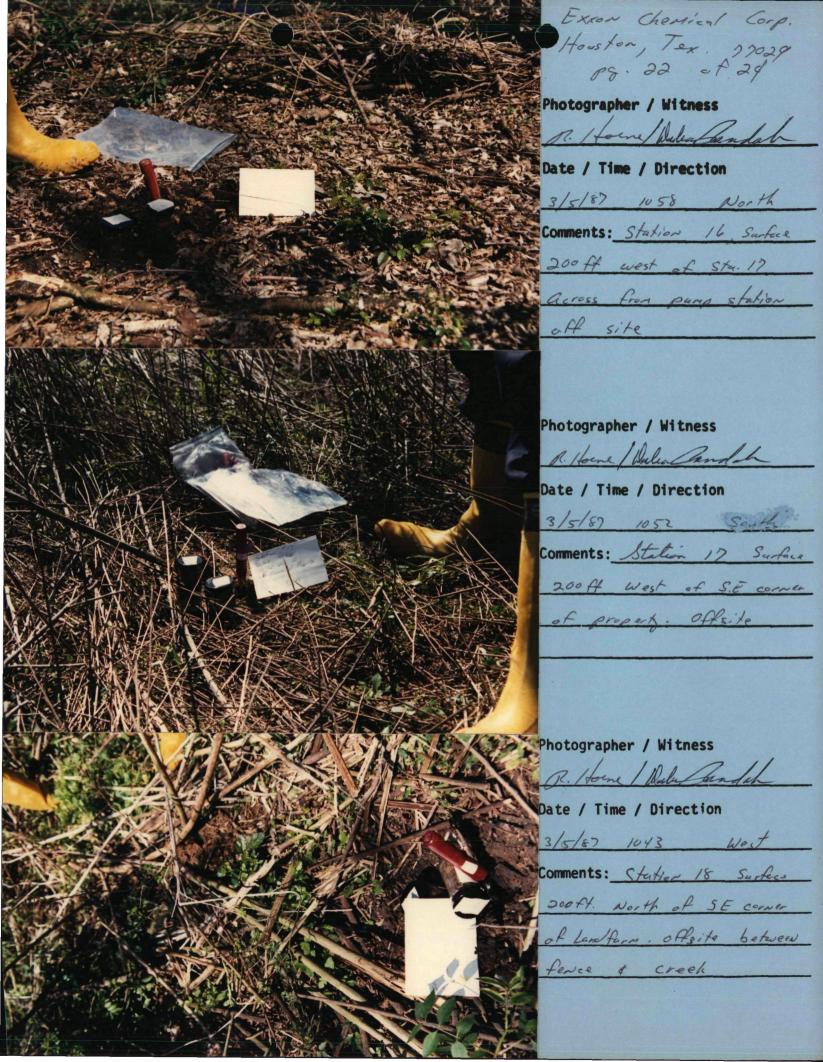


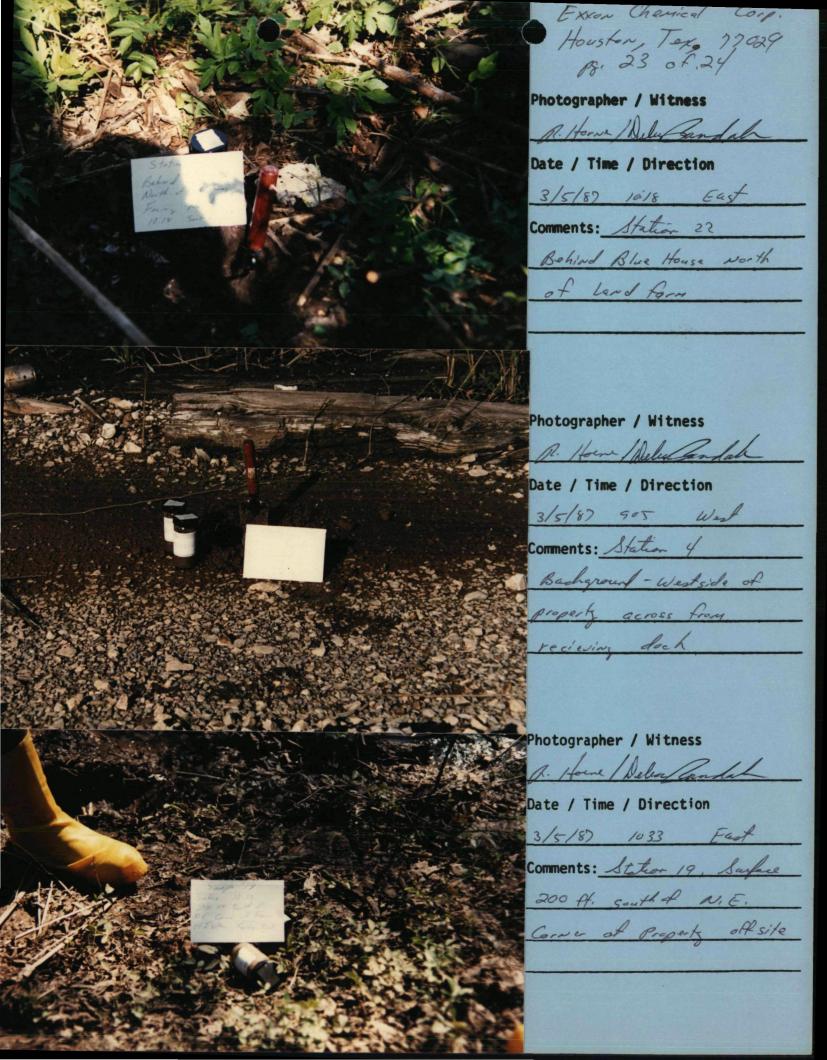


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